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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/924,991
Filed: August 8, 2001
For: Crackle Finish

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee for excess claims is believed to be due. In the event that additional fees are due, however, or in the event that additional time is necessary to render the amendment timely, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to extend the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office action and he is authorized to charge the appropriate fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 06-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT A

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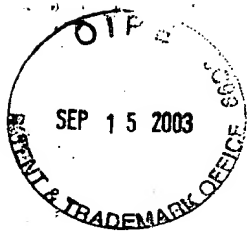
Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 18, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

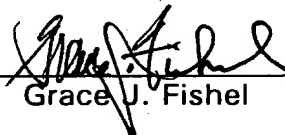
Claim 1 (currently amended). A crackle finish for a surface comprising
a base coat of a latex paint or stain disposed on the surface, a crackle medium
disposed on the base coat, said crackle medium adapted to contract when a water-
based stain or paint is applied, a coat of latex wood filler disposed on the crackle
medium whereby the latex wood filler forms raised islands or domains separated by
cracks or valleys revealing glimpses of the underlying base coat.

Claim 2 (original). The crackle finish of claim 1 wherein the crackle
medium is tack dried before the latex wood filler is applied.



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